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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES
MADE, AND LISTING OF ALL CLAIMS WITH PROPER IDENTIFIERS**

1. (Currently amended) A linear guide for transmitting a torque between a tubular housing, which is defined by a longitudinal axis and rotatable about the longitudinal axis, and a shaft, which is received in the housing and movable in the direction of the axis in relation to the housing, said linear guide comprising plural axial rolling bearings received in the housing in surrounding relationship to the shaft, wherein the plural axial rolling bearings are disposed in two radial planes in axial spaced-apart relationship, wherein the axial rolling bearings in each of the two radial planes have each two bearing members and a set of rolling bodies disposed between the bearing members, wherein one bearing member is constructed as bushing which is retained in the housing and defines a center axis which is shifted in parallel relationship at an offset to a normal which extends upon a longitudinal shaft axis and intersects the one bearing member, wherein the other bearing member has a cup-shaped configuration to define a convex surface for support by a surface area of the shaft, wherein the shaft is a steering-column spindle having a polygonal configuration, with the surface area having a concave shape, wherein at least two longitudinal sides adjoining one another in circumferential direction have each a said concave surface area.

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2. (Original) The linear guide of claim 1, wherein the bushing of the axial rolling bearing is press-fitted in a continuous radial bore of the housing.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Currently amended) The linear guide of claim [3] 1, wherein the polygonal configuration is selected from the group consisting of triangular configuration, tetragonal configuration, and square configuration.
5. (Currently amended) The linear guide of claim [[3]] 1, wherein the shaft is hollow or solid.
6. (Original) The linear guide of claim 1, wherein the axial rolling bearing is a ball bearing.
7. (Original) The linear guide of claim 1, and further comprising a bearing disk received in the axial rolling bearing for providing a raceway for the rolling bodies, and a spring element for support of the bearing disk.
8. (Original) The linear guide of claim 7, wherein the spring element is a rubber ring.
- 9.-17. (Canceled)

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18. (Currently amended) A linear guide, comprising:
 - a tubular housing defining a longitudinal axis;
 - a shaft received in the housing and movable in direction of the axis in relation to the housing; and
 - plural bearings received in the housing in surrounding relationship to the shaft, said plural bearings being disposed in two radial planes in axial spaced-apart relationship, wherein the bearings in each of the two radial planes have each two bearing members and a set of rolling bodies disposed between the bearing members, wherein one bearing member is constructed as bushing which is mounted in the housing and defines a center axis which is oriented out-of-alignment with a normal which extends upon the longitudinal axis and intersects the one bearing member, wherein the other bearing member has a cup-shaped configuration to define a convex surface for support by a cup-shaped surface area of the shaft, wherein the shaft is a steering-column spindle having a polygonal configuration, with the surface area having a concave shape, wherein at least two longitudinal sides adjoining one another in circumferential direction have each a said concave surface area.
19. (Currently amended) The linear guide of claim 18, wherein the center axis of the bushing extends is shifted in parallel spaced-apart relationship to the normal at an offset.
20. (Canceled)

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21. (Original) The linear guide of claim 18, wherein the plural bearings are each implemented as an axial rolling bearing, with the set of rolling bodies being formed as balls disposed axially between the bearing members.

22.-24. (Canceled)